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Legislative Committee of the Whole

Categorical Program Reform Bills

Executive Summary: Staff will present an update on the Categorical Program Reform Bills.

Presenter: Leyne Milstein, Director, Fiscal and Business Services

Bill	Sponsor	Programs Included	Purpose of Block Grant Funding	Does the bill repeal or amend current program statutes?	Does the bill contain a separate Block Grant for Teacher Prep?	Does the bill include a provision for collective bargaining?
SB 1650 (Simitian) Consolidates 19 teacher preparation and development programs.	Author (LAO recommendation)	*English Language Acquisition *High School coaching Education and Training *BTSA *Pre-Intern *Intern *Paraprofessional *NBPTS incentive *California Math Initiative *PAR *Instructional Time and Staff Development *School Development plans *Ed Tech staff development *Readers for the Legally Blind Teachers *California Technology Assistance Project *Educational Professional Development *California Professional Development Institutes *Math and Reading Professional Development *Pre-intern Teaching Academies *Instructional Support for Secondary Schools in Reading	Increase local control; More effective use of funds; Clearer program directives and Clearer lines of accountability.	Amend	Yes	No

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AB 2675 (Goldberg) Declares Legislative intent to consolidate categorical funds into three appropriations for allocation to school districts.	Author	Spot bill: not yet specified.	Increased local control; Flexible resources; Meet the unique needs of students.	No	Yes	No
AB 2559 (Diaz) Creates the Teacher Preparation and Staff Development Program	СТА	*Instructional Time and Staff Development *BTSA *PAR	Increased flexibility in the use of teacher and staff preparation, induction, and professional development funds.	Repeal	Yes	Yes

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AB 2824 (Runner) Eliminates specified categorical programs and would allocate those funds as a part of a district's general purpose apportionment, as specified;	Governor	(Teacher related programs) *Instructional Time and Staff Development *BTSA *Intersegmental Staff Development *Bilingual Teacher Training *Mathematics and Reading Professional Development *PAR	Increased local flexibility and accountability	Repeal	No	No
Requires the SBE and SPI to classify schools according to API and imposes specified sanctions for schools with 3 consecutive years of unsatisfactory ratings; Requires districts to follow extensive public input and disclosure procedures on budget decisions.						

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SB 1510 (Alpert) Revises school district base revenue limits and establishes 6 block grants to be comprised of funding from specified current categorical programs. The block grants created by the bill would be: school safety; pupil retention; teacher credentialing; professional development; supplemental instructional and instructional needs.	Author	Teacher credentialing block grant: *NBPTS incentives *BTSA *PAR *Intern *Pre-Intern Professional development block grant: *Intersegmental staff development *Instructional Time and Staff Development *Mathematics and Reading Professional Development	To address concerns regarding fragmentation of supplementary funding sources and the need for flexibility to respond to the special needs of all students; Refocus attention on funding for student learning rather than operational rules; Improve school performance.	No	Yes	No